U. S. '41 Birth Rate Highest in History

Record 2,500,000 Figure Due To War Conditions.

WASHINGTON. — War conditions resulted in 1941 in the largest recorded birth rate in the history of the United States, Miss Katharine Lenroot, chief of the children's bureau of the department of labor, reported to congress.

Nearly 2,500,000 births were recorded last year, 140,000 more than in 1940, Miss Lenroot reported. She estimated that the birth rate "will increase very materially in the next year or two."

"In every war period," she said, "there is a great tendency toward early marriage, and an increased birth rate, and that is true at this period."

Miss Lenroot appealed to the congress and to the country to consider health problems. She gave the following illustrations of the situation existing in certain defense areas:

In Oklahoma it is reported that a powder plant now being built in a community of 300 will employ from 7,000 to 10,000 workers. In the whole area there is only one physician, who is 75 years old, and there are no hospital facilities. In South Carolina a community of 25,000 with five doctors reports that three of them have gone into military service leaving only two elderly physicians who have virtually retired from practice.

There are 466 counties, or about one-sixth of all the counties in the United States, which have defense areas. As of last July, 89 of those counties had no public health nursing service; 254 had no prenatal clinics and 198 had no child health conferences.

See Quinine Substitute In 'Georgia Bark' Shrub

ALBANY, GA.—A substitute for quinine may be found in an American shrub known as Georgia bark.

Dr. James C. Andrews of the department of biological chemistry of the University of North Carolina's school of medicine, has been experimenting with the medicinal properties of the plant.

Other scientists also are studying Georgia bark, known botanically as Pinckneya pubens, and orders for as much as 100 pounds have been received by the department of agriculture. The bush, now in full bloom of pink and green, grows best in the damp wooded places between here and the Florida line.

Japan Guards Secrets By Drowning Chinese

CHUNGKING.—The conservative newspaper Ta Kung Pao reported that the Japanese have drowned many Chinese workers, perhaps thousands, in the Amur river to guard the secrets of fortifications which they had built along the Manchukuo-Russian border. Bodies have been seen floating down the river between the two countries with hands and feet bound tightly.

Most of the workers were seized in Hopei and Shantung provinces and taken to Manchukuo to construct the fortifications which, the newspaper said, were mostly in vast virgin forests close to the Manchukuo side of the Amur.

Has New Type of Glass That Withstands Bombs

CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—Two members of the Capetown university staff said today they had discovered an inexpensive method of making ordinary window glass withstand the explosion of a 500-pound bomb 70 feet away.

Even if the glass were shattered, the danger of splinters flying was greatly reduced, they said.

The men who made the discovery —George Stewart, a lecturer on civil engineering, and F. Walker, a professor of geology — conducted their experiments secretly, with government co-operation. They said the process would be made available to the United Nations.

Italian Officers Sell False Sick Leave to Men

BERNE, SWITZERLAND.—Italian newspapers reported that nine Italian medical officers, including a major and five captains, have been sentenced by a court martial at Bari, southern Italy, to terms of solitary confinement ranging from 7 to 15 years for selling "certificates of convalescence" to healthy soldiers.

Il Corriere Della Sera of Milan said 33 soldiers also were sentenced to six to seven years of military confinement and 12 civilians were given 4 to 14 year prison terms in connection with the certificates.

He Pays With Nickels When Baby Is Born

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Stephen Bunjy, 25-year-old shipyard worker, pushed a large pickle jar and a mayonnaise jar across the cashier's desk at Margaret Hague Maternity hospital here and announced: "That's for the little one. The $80, saved for two years, paid for hospitalization for his wife and baby girl.

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DON'T TAKE MY WORD FOR IT!

By FRANK COLBY

ROUNDUP

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Sioux City: If Frenchmen is the plural of Frenchman, why isn't German the plural of German?—P.V.L.

Answer: Frenchman is a compound of French plus man. German is not a compound of Germ plus man. The plurals of German, Burman, Mussulman, and Ottoman are formed by adding "s."

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Cincinnati: Recently you reported some extremely long words. Here are two long words that I learned as a boy in Germany: Constantinopolitanisher Dudelsackpfeifenmachergesellensmarterverbandsburofraulein. The words mean, "The office girl of the association of the medical helpers of the bagpipe makers of Constantinople."—E.L.S.

Answer: H'm.

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Gallup: Which is correct, "Dr. Brown operated on Mrs. Smith," or "Dr. Brown operated Mrs. Smith"?—L.B.

Answer: Dr. Brown may operate his automobile, or his X-ray machine; but I doubt if he could "operate" Mrs. Smith. Better say: Dr. Brown operated on Mrs. Smith.

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Boston: Please give the pronunciation of the word SECRETIVE.—C.M.

Answer: Accent the second syllable, thus: see-KREE-tiv.

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Jamaica: How should one pronounce ACCLIMATED?—B.O.

Answer: First choice: uh-KLY-mit-ed." Second choice: AK-luh-may-ted.

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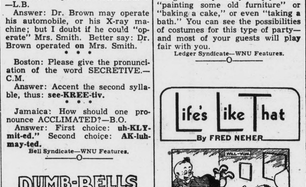


Ledger Syndicate—WNU Features.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

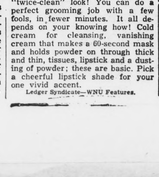
The mess kit is one of the most important items in the Soldier's equipment. It consists generally of a pan, a plastic canteen and cup, a fork, knife and spoon, all in a canvas pack cover. The total cost runs up to about $2.00.

Canteens and other items such as handles on knives and forks, formerly made of aluminum, are now plastic. Alloy has replaced stainless steel. You can buy many of these mess kits for our boys with your purchases of War Bonds and Stamps. Invest at least 10 percent of your income in War Bonds or Stamps every pay day and top the quota in your county.

U. S. Treasury Department

What to Do

By PHYLLIS BELMONT



Did you ever consider having a "come as you are" party? This can be a lot of fun—and the stipulation is that your guests must come as they are dressed when they receive the invitation. Obviously the invitations should be telephoned as it is much more probable that you would find your guests in all sorts of costumes by calling them at unconventional hours. You could start your conversation with "What were you doing?" They may reply with "painting some old furniture" or "baking a cake," or even "taking a bath." You can see the possibilities of costumes for this type of party—and most of your guests will play fair with you.

Ledger Syndicate—WNU Features.

Lifes Like That

By FRED NEHER

"Pop, what d'ya say we pool our dough and buy me a baseball suit!"

Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE

Keep your make-up at a minimum when you're on duty. Concentrate on immaculate grooming, the "twice-clean" look! You can do a perfect grooming job with a few fools, in fewer minutes. It all depends on your knowing how! Cold cream for cleansing, vanishing cream that makes a 60-second mask and holds powder on through thick and thin, tissues, lipstick and a dusting of powder; these are basic. Pick a cheerful lipstick shade for your one vivid accent.

Ledger Syndicate—WNU Features.

Nazis Grab 4½ Billion Yearly

Drain on Occupied Europe Computed in Report for Foreign Policy Group.

WASHINGTON.—Compared with the $4,500,000,000 that the Nazis now exact annually from occupied Europe, "the $500,000,000 which Germany was finally asked to pay as reparation under the Young plan is a drop in the bucket," declares a survey of the economic aspects of German military conquests published by the Foreign Policy association.

The survey was prepared by Ernest Hediger, economic analyst of the association's research staff.

Military conquest of virtually the whole continent of Europe in little more than two years, it declares, "has been accompanied not only by wholesale confiscation of everything of immediate use to the German war machine, but also by the application of an entirely new system of invisible and permanent looting."

Secret Purchases.

"By imposing so-called occupation costs and exacting other financial tribute," it continues, "Germany has been able, while keeping the appearance of legality, to oblige the vanquished nations to finance its purchases, thus succeeding to a very large extent in saddling the costs of its war on them.

"In fact, the material wealth which Nazi Germany has accumulated in the countries occupied during the last two years has already paid for several years of war preparation.

"The renewable contributions exacted from the conquered territories can be conservatively estimated at about 15 billion reichsmarks a year.

"Against a background of total German civilian expenditure of 38 billion reichsmarks, this means that if Germany could not draw on the resources of the occupied countries the populations of the 'old Reich' would have to substantially curtail their standard of living or seriously reduce military expenditures.

"The foremost consequence of German exploitation," Mr. Hediger asserts, "is a threatened large-scale inflation in almost all European countries. Under pressure, all central banks of the occupied countries have been compelled to put into circulation large amounts of local paper notes with which the German authorities have deprived, and are still depriving, the people of their belongings in a perfectly 'legal' way.

Notes Drastic Measures.

"An inflation of the spectacular kind, which brought the American dollar to a value of 4,200 billion marks in Germany in November, 1923, has been avoided to this day only because severe rationing and price control of goods of all kinds have been introduced in the occupied countries simultaneously with reparation costs. Without such drastic measures, prices would have soared to astronomic heights.

"As living conditions slowly deteriorate all over Europe," the survey said, "unrest is bound to grow. In spite of German terror methods of government, the people are becoming increasingly outspoken in their resentment of problematic repayment and are trying to slow down deliveries of foodstuffs and raw materials to Germany.

"The longer the war lasts the less they will believe in the possibility of a German victory. Presently the last worker and the last peasant in occupied Europe will realize that it is useless to produce goods for a market in which he can find almost nothing to buy in exchange for his sweat and tears, and will slow down his work.

"Such passive resistance, the only kind possible so long as the conquerors and their henchmen disposed of all weapons, will call for larger police forces to control the fields and factories and will increase Germany's already great difficulties in ruling the conquered countries of Europe."

Pepper Shaker Collector Passes Out Some Data

ALVA, OKLA.—How long have salt and pepper shakers been in use? Miss Lillian Dyer, former Alva high school principal, says they date back 150 years.

Miss Dyer is a collector of salt and pepper shakers. She has 325 sets of all sizes and descriptions from eight foreign countries and 48 of the 48 United States.

In her study of shakers, she learned they were used generally shortly after the Revolutionary war. Prior to that, cut glass pieces known as "dips" were used. Today "dips" again are becoming popular, she says.

Colonels Want a Drink? Must Ask Their Parents!

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.—Teen-age officers of the United States army air force take a lot of kidding from their older comrades-in-arms, as evidenced by the following notice appearing recently over the bar in the Officers' club:

"Positively no alcoholic beverages will be sold to air corps lieutenant colonels under 21 unless accompanied by their parents."

BLITZ-BUGGY RIDE

DUTCH FLYERS who escaped from the Netherlands East Indies are training for another crack at the Japs. At a southern airfield they are learning to handle American planes and equipment. Here, three trainees take time off from their studies for a jeep of fun.

Radio-Equipped Marine Scout

Marine Corps scouts are trained in the use of compact sending and receiving radio sets so that information they may uncover may be quickly transmitted to operation headquarters.

Canadians Man Handy Assault Weapon

Passed by Censor

THE Bren gun is a handy weapon, according to the men of Canada's Highland Light Infantry on active service overseas. They are useful from a universal carrier, deadly when set up in a machine gun emplacement, as weapons for assault troops firing from the hip and, finally, as ack-ack protection against low-flying aircraft. Pte. W. A. Smith of Alvinston, Ont., with the gun and Corp. W. C. Thurgood of Hespeler, Ont., are shown setting up ack-ack protection for the assault group as it storms an "enemy" stronghold during Colborne exercises. Volunteer enlistments in Canada in the army, navy and air force are approximately a quarter million, of which about 200,000 are on active service overseas. An observer from the United States recently remarked that the United States will reach the same point on a pro rata population basis when more than two million men are fighting overseas. Output of Bren guns in Canadian munitions plants is nearing 4,500 monthly which, added to production of more than a score other guns of all types, reflects an industrial war effort of

Oakville News By Reporter

Oakville, Aug. 19.- Rev. C. A. Collins, of Evergreen, is conducting a revival service at the Red Oak church this week.

Mrs. Scott Thomas is spending this week with Mrs. Tom Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ebersole and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Marshall and boys, of Ky., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lewis.

Mrs. Donald Hamilton is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Lucado. She spent Sunday night in the home of Mrs. Clarence Moore.

Mr. Howard Harvey and her brother, Mrs. Drinkard visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harvey this week.

Rebecca and Buddy Clowdis, of Lynchburg and Addie Lucado are visiting Barbara and Richard Smith this week.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tom Page Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dunkley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wells and son, of Farmville, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Lucado and daughter, Mrs. George Page and children, Mr. and Mrs. James Spiggle.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bass and son, of Appomattox spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bass. Mrs. Burton Daye and daughter are spending this week in this same home.

Mrs. Bernard Doss is a patient at the Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg.

Lloyd Doss, who is a patient at Memorial Hospital, Lynchburg, is some better at this writing.

E. B. Martin, who was sick last week, is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith and children, Walt and Daphne, spent the week-end in Roanoke with relatives.

Mrs. Edmund Hillman and children, of Lynchburg are spending this week with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Marsh.

Opal Childers, who has been sick is able to be out again.

Oakville, Aug. 13.- Last week our community was saddened by the death of Carlton Moore. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Owen and son, Raymond and Miss Phinazee Abbott, of Concord visited Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Owen recently.

Mrs. Tom Page spent several days last week with her son, Percy Page in Lynchburg.

Miss Ilene Moore, of Norfolk, spent her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore.

Addie Lucado and Ruby Lucado spent last week-end with Bella Phelps.

Mrs. Homer Blackwell and children, of Norfolk spent Thursday night with Mrs. Bernice Doss.

Miss Lillian Spiggle spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Alfred Garrett.

Maurice Williams, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with his wife and daughter in the home of O. W. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter are spending some time with relatives here.

Mrs. W. H. Ayers gave a shower for Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ayers Saturday evening at her home. They received many nice gifts. They are to begin housekeeping this week near Oakville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Burge and Shirley spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ayers.

The home nursing class met this week with Mrs. Wiley Moore.

Jim Page, of Lynchburg called in the home of Tom Page Sunday.

Miss Mattie Moss spent last week with friends and relatives in Concord and Lynchburg.

Harold Rogers and son, Otey visited Mrs. Daisy Rogers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Rogers and Robert Dean went to Lynchburg Sunday to see Lloyd Doss, who is a patient at Memorial Hospital and is quite ill at this time.

Mrs. George Page and children spent Monday with Mrs. Tom Page.

Bethany Items

Bethany, Aug. 18.- Mrs. Jack Moseley and small daughter, Virginia, of Portsmouth are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paulette.

Mrs. Herbert Deadman and children, and Jimmie Harvey have returned to Petersburg after visiting a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harvey.

Miss Rachel Morris, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Edward Moore spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulete. Others who called in the same home over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Joe Paulette and children of Prospect, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Baker and daughter, Sandra, of Evergreen and W. P. Crowgey, of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Allen, of Washington, D. C. spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paulette.

Miss Ruby Shanks, of Pamplin spent Sunday with Miss Odelle Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson and son Wayne, and Miss Thalia Harvey, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Mott Harvey over the week-end.

Roy Paulette, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Paulette.

Mrs. Meade Crews and sons, of Nathalie spent Thursday with Mrs. Curtis Paulette and Mrs. Katie Allen.

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Pamplin News Letters

Pamplin, Aug. 18.- Mrs. Adolph Haug and son, Billy, of Appomattox and Miss Lillian Fasher, of Lynchburg are guests in the home of Mrs. W. M. Black.

Rev. W. M. Black is assisting Rev. S. T. Smith, of Nelson county, in a revival meeting.

Phyllis Harvey, of Evergreen was the guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Inge last week.

Mrs. Clyde Rice has returned to her home in Washington after a short visit here. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Harry Fear son and her sister-in-law, Miss Lucy Rice who spent the summer here.

Private and Mrs. Joseph Terry were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Terry.

Mrs. Lloyd Page and daughter, Jacqueline are visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Inge and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis.

Miss Mamie Inge was a recent visitor in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davis were recent guests in the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A Wood, of Worsham.

Misses Jane and Ann Clark expect to visit their mother, Mrs. Ruby Clark of Alderson, West Virginia this week-end.

Miss Eurlean Rosser is visiting Miss Roma Saul, of Pennsylvania.

Miss Aileen McClenny was hostess to the Y. W. A.s of Elon church Monday night. Miss Margaret Ligon had charge of the program.

The regular monthly meeting of the Pamplin O. E. S. was held last Tuesday night.

Pamplin, Aug. 17- The August meeting of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society met Wednesday at the church, with Mrs. H. T. Terry as program leader. Those who took part on the program were: Mrs. W. M. Black, Mrs. E. E. McCleny, Mrs. W. R. Brightwell and Mrs. L. N. Ligon. It was decided to hold a mission study class Thursday afternoon, at which time a book on Cuba will be studied. Mrs. E. E. McCleny is chairman of this work.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union met at the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at 3 P. M. Mrs. O. E. Peterson had charge of the program.

The Rev. Fletcher Ford, of Emporia will assist the Rev. W. M. Black in the revival services at the Pamplin Baptist Church beginning the first Sunday in September.

The August meeting of the Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Baptist church met with Miss Aileene McClenny Monday night.

Rev. Hiram L. Reeves and family are away on a vacation, visiting near Harrisonburg.

Miss Lillian Faubrr, of Lynchburg is the guest of Miss Mary Rives Black.

Mrs. Clyde Rice, of Washington has been visiting here for the past ten days. Mrs Lucy Rice and Mrs. Pierce will accompany her back to Washington.

Joseph B. Terry, of Camp Lee was a week-end visitor at his home.

H. T. Terry Jr. has been transferred from Keesler Feld, Miss., to Scott Field Air Port in Illinois. He writes cheerful letters home and is getting along fine.

Mrs. C. W. Slayton and daughter, Miss Mildred Slayton, spent a portion of their vacation in Lexington as the guests of Mrs. Melvin Pittenger.

Private Lawrence Sizemore, of Washington is spending a ten day furlough with relatives in Pamplin.

George Abbitt Terry spent the week-end in Portsmouth with his sister, Miss Sallie Love Terry, who holds a position there.

Miss Ruby Clarke has accepted a position in West Virginia.

T. E. Turnes is on the sick list.

Send in your contribution to the fund to send the Times-Virginian to Appomattox men in the armed services.

U. S. pilots in Egypt get first taste of desert war.

High mountain ranges block next German push for Russian oil.

Compromise foreseen on bill to hurry pay to soldier's dependents.

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AMERICA IN ACTION

INFORMATION, PLEASE

WASHINGTON. — A Maryland school teacher wants to find out how to get a job in a defense factory.

A young woman in Brooklyn asks for details about making a visit to a soldier friend in a Texas camp.

A mother in a western state is eager to learn what opportunities her soldier-son has to attend church.

This is not a military "Information, Please" program. It is a small cross-section of the large number of queries that come in every day from all parts of the country to the Women's Interests section in the war department at Washington.

Officially, the chief of this section is the liaison between the soldier in camp, and his family and friends back home. Unofficially, she is on the receiving end of a nation-wide "information quiz" that comes to her desk by letter, by telephone and by personal interview.

Here is a typical day's schedule:

A young woman in a southwestern state wants to be a ferry pilot and writes in for information as to the proper place to make application.

A mother in Pennsylvania writes in to request the chief of the section to visit her son, who is ill in a post hospital in Texas.

A veteran of the First World war urges her to ask the secretary of war for reinstatement in the army. The veteran explains that he has a son in the service and thinks the "father-son" combination would be a good one.

A registered nurse in Michigan writes in to ask how she may join the army nurse corps.

The president of a club in Tennessee asks for the army menu for a certain month, so the club, at one of its weekly luncheons, may duplicate the soldier's "mess" for that particular day.

A national defense group in New York state asks for literature to help answer "about 50 questions a day" on the army.

The Women's Interests section has jumped up the old game of "Twenty Questions" to "about 50 questions a day."

U. S. Marines spearhead of drive on Soloman Islands.

Germans now gravely menace the Persia to Russia supply route.

Stonewall Comment

Stonewall, Aug. 19.- The Stonewall home demonstration club held its annual picnic at the home of Mrs. J. P. Alvis Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie W. Paulette of South Carolina visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell over the week-end.

Miss Louise Turnes spent the week-end at Gladstone.

S. E. Anderson has returned to his home here after being a patient at Memorial hospital.

Miss Lizzie Rice, of Richmond is visiting in the home of Mrs. S. E. Anderson.

Miss Edna Adcock is spending this week at her home in Buckingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford, of Natural Bridge visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burnette.

Miss Mildred Sisson, of Richmond is visiting Miss Frances Jennings.

Mrs. Stuart Barrell, of Surry, spent a part of last week at her home here.

Mrs. G. P. Jennings was called to Richmond this week due to the illness of her mother, Mrs. D. A. Christian.

Mr. and Mrs. Elkin Hamilton, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hamilton.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Aug. 18.- Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Almond spent the week-end at Craddock, Va., visiting their daughter, Mrs. A. W. Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Webb and children have returned to their home in Lynchburg after spending several weeks with relatives here.

Mrs. W. A. Moon spent last week with relatives in Roanoke.

Miss Hazel Moon returned to Ferrum Junior College Monday afternoon.

Mrs. E. Hancock Fraizer, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickerson, has returned to Arlington, Va.

Mrs. J. E. Dickerson continues ill.

The home demonstration club members and friends enjoyed a picnic at Tonawanda Lake on Friday afternoon.

Charlie Johnston, of Dublin, Va., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Johnston.

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